

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 remain pending in the current application.

Independent claims 1, 10, and 18 have been amended herein to more particularly claim and point out the subject matter of applicant's invention. These claims, as amended, are believed to distinguish Applicant's invention over the prior art of record.

Dependent Claim 19 has been corrected, per the Examiner's requirement, to delete one of the commas.

In compliance with the Examiner's Response to Amendment, Applicant provides, in Attachment A hereto, a complete listing of all claims presented as of June 14, 2005 to replace the version of the claims pending in the application as of that date. On a related point, amendments made in the instant Response are believed to comply with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1), including pagination of separate sections of the Response on separate sheets.

As an aid to the Examiner's understanding of Applicant's invention, Applicant encloses herewith an example of one of his products, representing one embodiment of the subject matter of the instant application. Although it is believed that the Applicant's subject matter is distinguished by the instant claim amendments over the cited prior art of record, if the Examiner should disagree, a telephonic interview is hereby respectfully requested.

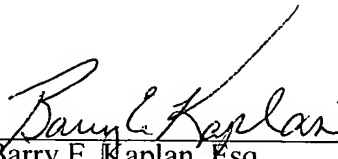
It is, however, respectfully submitted that the instant claim amendments distinguish applicant's invention from those of the cited prior art references. Accordingly, it is believed that the Examiner's previous grounds for rejection are rendered moot with the instant amendments. Allowance of the application is hereby respectfully solicited.

This Response is submitted with petition for three months extension of time, and appropriate petition extension fee.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons cited hereinabove, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested. The above-made amendments are to form only and thus, no new matter was added. Should there be any questions or concerns, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney.

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Attachment A

Claims of Record as of June 14, 2005

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A power cord plug securing device, comprising:

a clasp block member for removably and securably retaining a power cord therein, said clasp block member comprising a trough region disposed approximately centrally therethrough ~~with retaining walls extending therefrom~~, said trough region disposed along a first axis of orientation corresponding with an axis of the power cord;

said trough region comprising a truncated cylindrical bottom portion and approximately vertically disposed retaining walls thereabove to allow the power cord to traverse into and be captured within said cylindrical bottom portion;

a securing strap extending proximate from a base region of said clasp block member underlying said trough region and disposed along an axis of orientation parallel to said first axis of orientation, said securing strap oriented for underlying the power cord plug when in use; and,

a throughhole formed through said securing strap, said throughhole adapted to receive an electrical outlet cover plate screw for removable attachment of said device to an electrical outlet cover plate, thereby maintaining electrical engagement of electrical conductors of a plug head of the power cord with an electrical outlet.

2. (currently amended) The device of Claim 1, wherein said clasp block member is adapted to removably engage and securely retain a portion of the power cord immediately aft of the plug head when attached thereto.

3. (currently amended) The device of Claim 2, wherein said clasp block member is substantially U-shaped.

4. (currently amended) The device of Claim 2, wherein said ~~trough region comprises retaining walls extending therefrom.~~ said retaining walls ~~terminating~~ terminate in inwardly projecting ends for securely maintaining the portion of the power cord immediately aft of the plug head within said trough region.

5. (original) The device of Claim 4, wherein at least one of said trough region and said retaining walls are at least partially textured or ribbed for increased frictional association with the portion of the power cord retained therein.

6. (original) The device of Claim 1, wherein a first end of said securing strap is integrally formed with said clasp member.

7. (original) The device of Claim 6, wherein a second end of said securing strap is integrally formed with the electrical outlet cover plate.

8. (currently amended) The device of Claim 1, wherein said throughhole is opposingly positioned from said clasp member on said securing strap.

9. (original) The device of Claim 1, further comprising a plurality of throughholes formed through said securing strap for purposes of selectively determining site of engagement of the screw therewith, and, thus, the site of engagement of said clasp member on the power cord.

10. (currently amended) A power cord plug securing device, comprising:

a first clasp block member for removably and securably retaining a first power cord therein, said first clasp block member comprising a trough region disposed approximately centrally therethrough~~with retaining walls extending therefrom~~, said trough region disposed along a first axis of orientation corresponding with an axis of the first power cord;

a second clasp block member for removably and securably retaining a second power cord therein, said second clasp block member comprising a trough region disposed approximately centrally therethrough~~with retaining walls extending therefrom~~, said trough region of said second clasp block member disposed along an axis of orientation parallel to said first axis of orientation;

each of said trough regions comprising a truncated cylindrical bottom portion and approximately vertically disposed retaining walls thereabove to allow a power cord to traverse into and be captured within said cylindrical bottom portion; and,

a securing strap extending ~~proximate~~ between a base region underlying said trough region of said first clasp block member and a base region underlying said

trough region of said second clasp block member, wherein said securing strap is disposed along an axis of orientation parallel to said first axis of orientation, said securing strap oriented for underlying the power cord plugs when in use.

11. (previously amended) The device of Claim 10, wherein said plug securing device is adapted to maintain the first power cord in electrical engagement with the second power cord.

12. (original) The device of Claim 10, further comprising a throughhole formed through said securing strap, said throughhole adapted to receive an electrical outlet cover plate screw for removable attachment of said device to an electrical outlet cover plate.

13. (original) The device of Claim 12, wherein at least one of said first and second clasp members is adapted to maintain electrical engagement of a plug head of at least one of the first and second power cords with an electrical outlet.

14. (original) The device of Claim 10, wherein said first clasp member is adapted to removably engage and securely retain a portion of the first power cord immediately aft of a plug head attached thereto, and wherein said second clasp member is adapted to removably engage and securely retain a portion of the second power cord immediately aft of a plug head attached thereto.

15. (original) The device of Claim 14, wherein said first and second clasp members are substantially U-shaped.

16. (currently amended) The device of Claim 14, wherein said ~~trough regions of said first and second clasp members each comprise retaining walls extending therefrom, said retaining walls terminating~~terminate in inwardly projecting ends for securely maintaining the portions of the respective first and second power cords immediately aft of the plug heads within each said trough region.

17. (original) The device of Claim 16, wherein at least one of said trough regions and said retaining walls are at least partially textured or ribbed for increased frictional association with the portions of the respective first and second power cords retained therein.

18. (currently amended) A method of maintaining electrical continuity between at least a first and second current carrying member, said method comprising the steps of:

a. obtaining a device having a clasp block member for removably and securably retaining the first current carrying member therein, said clasp block member comprising a trough region disposed approximately centrally therethrough~~with retaining walls extending therefrom~~, said trough region disposed along a first axis of orientation corresponding with an axis of the first current carrying member, said trough region comprising a truncated cylindrical bottom portion and approximately vertically disposed retaining walls thereabove to allow a current carrying member to traverse into and be captured within said cylindrical bottom

portion, wherein said clasp block member comprises a securing strap extending proximate from a base region of said clasp block member underlying said trough region and disposed along an axis of orientation parallel to said first axis of orientation, said securing strap oriented for underlying a plug of the current carrying member when in use;

b. securing within said clasp block member a portion of the first current carrying member; and,

c. securing the first current carrying member to the second current carrying member via a means for securing carried by said securing strap.

19. (previously amended) The method of Claim 18, wherein the first current carrying member is a first cord-type current carrying member, , and wherein the second current carrying member is selected from the group consisting of a second cord-type current carrying member, and an electrical outlet.

20. (original) The method of Claim 19, wherein said securing means is a throughhole formed through said securing strap, said throughhole adapted to receive an electrical outlet cover plate screw for removable attachment of said device to an electrical outlet cover plate for maintaining the first cord-type current carrying member in electrical continuity with the electrical outlet.

21. (original) The method of Claim 19, wherein said securing means is a second clasp member carried by said securing strap, said second clasp member adapted to removably and securably engage a portion of the second cord-type current carrying member.

22. (original) The method of Claim 21, wherein said device is adapted to maintain electrical engagement between the first cord-type current carrying member and the second cord-type current carrying member.

23. (original) The method of Claim 18, wherein said securing strap further comprises a throughhole formed therethrough, said throughhole adapted to receive an electrical outlet cover plate screw for removable attachment of said device to an electrical outlet cover plate for maintaining a first cord-type current carrying member and a second cord-type current carrying member in electrical continuity with an electrical outlet.